

REMARKS

Claims 23-38 and 35-39 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 23 and 35 are independent claims. In view of the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Priority Documents

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Applicants have not filed the English translation of Korean Patent Application Serial No. 99-28449. Applicants record indicates that the English translation of the priority document has been filed on August 4, 2004 with the previous Response. Since it appears that the English translation has been misplaced, Applicants herewith submit copies of the priority documents.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 23 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,503 issued to Nishikawa, *et al.* (“Nishikawa”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Nishikawa was filed on January 18, 2000. The present application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 1999-26027 filed on June 30, 1999 and Korean Patent Application No. 1999-28449 filed on July 14, 1999. Since the priority dates of the present application antedate the filing date of Nishikawa, Nishikawa does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 23 and 35.

Claims 24-28 and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikawa in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As previously mentioned, Nishikawa does not qualify as prior art under 103. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claim 24-28 and 36-39.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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ATTACHMENT:

- (a) English Translation of the certified copy of the Priority documents**
- (b) Statement verifying accuracy of the English translation**